



# Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents and Principals

**FROM:** Indiana Department of Education

**DATE:** September 3, 2010

**SUBJECT:** COMPASS replacing ASAP snapshot reports

The Indiana Department of Education is working to improve the functionality and transparency of the School Accountability data on the public IDOE website. For this reason, the department will replace the current ASAP snapshots with a new system, COMPASS, in the coming days. Please note ASAP will not be replaced completely.

An internal evaluation identified COMPASS as a better, easier-to-understand format for the general public—including parents, interested citizens and members of the media.

This change removes redundant and outdated information, and remaining data will be formatted in a way that is better aligned with IDOE's goals and vision. For example, ISTEP+ data will now be based on students passing *both* English/Language Arts and Math portions of the exam, instead of calculating how many passed *either* of the two sections. Moreover, COMPASS will present more information graphically to increase user-friendliness.

For schools and school corporations, the Learning Connection is the best source for educator-focused data. Information once housed with ASAP will still be available to educators using the Learning Connection portal at [learningconnection.doe.in.gov](http://learningconnection.doe.in.gov).

If you have any questions regarding COMPASS, send them to [compass@doe.in.gov](mailto:compass@doe.in.gov).